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TTBT-PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NUMBER THREE

1. PARAGRAPH TWO AND FOLLOWING IS REPORT ON LUNCHEON CONVERSATION STOESSEL AND BUCHHEIM WITH MOROKHOV AND TIMERBAEV, MONDAY, FEBRUARY TEN.

2. PLEASANTRIES WERE EXCHANGED ABOUT RESUMPTION OF MEETINGS, THE WEATHER, ETC. THERE WAS A GENERAL ATMOSPHERE OF CORDIALITY WITH EXPRESSIONS OF BELIEF THAT PROGRESS WOULD BE MADE. MOROKHOV WAS EXTREMELY RELAXED AND PROPOSED NUMBEROUS TOASTS IN THIS SENSE.

3. DURING CONVERSATION MOROKHOV MENTIONED TWO BIOGRAPHICAL ITEMS: (A) EARLY IN HIS CAREER HE GRADUATED FROM AN AERON-AUTICAL INSTITUTE AND WORKED IN AVIATION, (KOL HE IS, IN THE NEAR FUTURE, TO BE PRESENTED WITH AN AWARD FOR WORK IN NUCLEAR ENERGY AND "OTHER FIELDS," BUT THERE WILL BE NO PUBLICITY ABOUT IT AND HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SAY WHAT THE AWARD IF FOR "TWO OR THREE YEARS."

4. MOROKHOV ASKED EARLY IN THE CONVERSATION WHAT WE NOW THOUGHT ABOUT PNE COOPERATION, SAYING THAT MANY THINGS WOULD BE EASIE
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TO WORK OUT IF WE COULD AGREE

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ON COOPERATION. WE MADE NO SUBSTANTIVE REPLY.

5. MOROKHOV SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN VERY INTERESTED IN AND PLEASED BY THE BILATERAL TECHNICAL TALKS AND IAEA MEETING IN VIENNA IN LATE JANUARY. HE WARMLY PRAISED THE PRESENTATIONS ON THE US PROGRAM IN EXCAVATION, GAS AND OIL STIMULATION, AND COPPER MINING.

6. MOROKHOV SAID THAT THE BILATERAL TECHNICAL TALKS IN JANUARY HAD GONE WELL AND HAD BEEN VERY USEFUL; HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT THE LEVEL OF THE TALKS (RANKS OF PARTICIPANTS) HAD DECLINED. HE STATED THE VIEW THAT THIS TREND SHOULD BE REVERSED.

7. MOROKHOV EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN THE US DESCRIPTION AS GIVEN IN VIENNA OF THE DRA CANAL PROJECT WHICH WOULD INVOLVE GROUP EXPLOSIONS OF THREE MEGATONS. HE SAID THIS PROJECT WOULD MAKE THE SOVIET PECHORA-KAMA CANAL PROJECT LOOK SMALL IN COMPARISON, AND THAT THE SOVIET PROJECT WOULD INVOLVE GROUP EXPLOSIONS ONLY UP TO ABOUT ONE AND ONE-HALF MEGATONS. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE KRA CANAL WOULD BE OF GREAT VALUE TO THE ENTIRE WORLD, NOT JUST TO ONE COUNTRY, AND THAT EVERYONE AGREED THAT THE CANAL WOULD BE BETTER THAN ANY ALTERNATIVE SUCH AS DEEPENING THE STRAITS OF MALACCA. BUCHHEIM ASKED IF MOROKHOV WAS QUOTING US OR SOVIET YIELD ESTIMATES. MO
OKHOV REPLIED THAT HE WAS GIVING
US FIGURES BUT THAT SOVIET FIGURES WERE EXACTLY THE SAME.

8. MOROKHOV SAID THAT EXCAVATION PNES WOULD PRESENT ABSOLUTELY NO RADIOACTIVITY HAZARDS AND THAT THEY MUST COMPLY WITH THE LTBT OF 1963. STOESSEL REMARKED THAT THE MATTER OF LTBT COMPLIANCE SEEMED LIKE A VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM TO US.

9. TIMERBAEV ASKED IF WE PLANNED TO MAKE ANY TECHNICAL PRESENTATIONS DURING THE CURRENT ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS. BUCHHEIM SAID WE WOULD IF SUCH PRESENTATIONS BECAME
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NECESSARY.

10. MOROKHOV MENTIONED THE FILM ON THE SOVIET EXCAVATION EXPERIMENT WHICH HAD BEEN PROMISED TO US IN ROUND ONE. HE SAID THE DELAY WAS BECAUSE THEY WERE MAKING A NEW COPY. HE SAID THAT THEIR FILM WAS 35 MILLIMETER AND HE HAD BEEN TOLD THAT WE COULD ONLY USE 16 MILLIMETER. BUCHHEIM SAID THAT IT WAS REALLY NOT NECESSARY

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TO MAKE A 16 MILLIMETER VERSION, OHAT 35 MILLIMETER WAS FINE. MOROKHOV THEN SAID THAT HE HAD ALREADY ORDERED THAT THE 16 MILLIMETER FILM BE MADE AND ALSO THAT IT BE GIVEN AN ENGLISH SOUND TRACK.

11. BOTH MOROKHOV AND TIMERBAEV EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN US VIEWS ON A TARGET DATE FOR REACHING A PNE AGREEMENT OR ESTIMATE OF WHEN THAT MIGHT BE ACHIEVED. THEY WONDERED SPECIFICALLY IF US SIDE HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO REACH AGREEMENT IN TIME FOR US-SOVIET SUMMIT MEETING. STOESSEL SAID HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT ANY PARTICULAR DEADLINE, ALTHOUGH IT IS OBVIOUSLY DESIRABLE TO CONCLUDE AGREEMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE ALSO OBSERVED THAT A REASONABLE TIME SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR RATIFICATION OF TTBT AND PNE AGREEMENT BEFORE MARCH 31, 1976.

12. MOROKHOV SPECULATED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A SET OR SEQUENCE OF PARTIAL AGREEMENTS, AND HE SEEMED (IN A SOMEWHAT UNCLEAR WAY) TO POSE AS AN EXAMPLE AN AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION IN STUDIES OF PNE EXCAVATION. HE ALSO SAID THAT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO TRY TO SET DOWN THINGS THAT WE AGREED UPON AND THINGS ON WHICH WE DID NOT REACH AGREEMENT; AND TO MAKE KNOWN OUR AGREEMENTS AND KEEP TO OURSELVES THINGS NOT RESOLVED. THESE WERE ACKNOWLEDGED AS IDEAS TO BE CONSIDERED.

13. TIMERBAEV ASKED WHICH AGENCY IN THE US IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE NEGOTIATIONS. IS IT ERDA? BUCHHEIM SAID THAT THIS IS AN ACTIVITY OF THE US GOVERNMENT, NOT OF ANY ONE AGENCY. TIMERBAEV ASKED AGAIN AS THOUGH HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND. STOESSEL REITERATED THAT THESE ARE US GOVERNMENT NEGOTIATIONS.

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14. MOROKHOV SAID THAT HE HAS THE AUTHORITY TO ARRANGE A VISIT TO SITES OF SOVIET PNE EXPERIMENTS IN CENTRAL ASIA, BUT THAT THERE WOULD BE NO POINT IN GOING NOW BECAUSE EVERYTHING WORTH SEEING IS COVERED WITH SNOW. HE SAID THAT PERHPAS WE COULD BRING NEGOTIATIONS THIS TIME TO SUCH A POINT THAT ONLY ONE MORE ROUND IN MAY OR JUNE WOULD BE NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE TASK, AND A VISIT TO THESE PNE SITES COULD BE ARRANGED THEN. HE ALSO MADE A HUMOUOUS (?) REFERENCE TO HOLDING A MEETING IN HAWAII.

15. MOROKHOV MENTIONED THE RECENT O'TOOLE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE AS SOMETHING THEY DID NOT LIKE, ALTHOUGH HE PERSONALLY WAS NOT TOO BOTHERED BY IT AND FELT ANY OFFICIAL REACTION SHOULD COME FROM FOREIGN OFFICE. HE SAID THIS IN THE CONTEXT OF A STATEMENT THAT HE HAD BEEN ASKED TO GIVE A DESCRIPTION OF THE SOVIET PNE PROGRAM FOR PUBLICATION IN THE US, AND SAID THAT HE WOULD NOT DO SUCH A THING.

16. MOROKHOV MADE GENERAL STATEMENTS ABOUT THE INADMISSABILITY OF WAR BETWEEN THE US AND USSR AND THE ABSOLUTE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER FOR PEACE AND CONTROL OF ARMAMENTS. HE SAID THAT THE TTBT WAS A STEP IN THE LINE OF PROGRESSION FROM THE LTBT AND THE NPT AND THAT THE USSR UNDERSTOOD AND FULLY SHARED THE
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VIEWS THAT HAD BEEN EXPRESSED BY THE US SIDE IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF MAKING SURE THAT THE OBJECTIVES OF THE TTBT WERE SERVED IN A PNE AGREEMENT.

17. STOESSEL ACKNOWLEDGED THESE POINTS AND STATED THAT IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS THE US WAS PROCEEDING IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SUMMIT MEETING OF JULY 1974, DURING WHICH THE TTBT AND ITS ARTICLE III WERE AGREED UPON,

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